## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

TRUSTEES of the CHICAGO REGIONAL	)	
COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND,	)	
CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	)	
SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT FUND,	)	
CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF	)	
CARPENTERS WELFARE FUND, and CHICAGO	)	
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	)	
APPRENTICE & TRAINEE PROGRAM FUND	)	
	) (	CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
V.	)	~
	)	
WILLWORK, INC., a/k/a WILL-WORK, INC.,	)	
a Massachusetts corporation,	)	
	)	•
Defendant.	)	

## **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs, Trustees of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, et al., by their attorney, Travis J. Ketterman of McGann Ketterman & Rioux, complain of the Defendant, Willwork, Inc., and states as follows:

- 1. This action arises under Section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and Section 301 of the Taft-Hartley Act. (29 U.S.C. §§1132 and 185). Jurisdiction is founded on the existence of questions arising there under.
- 2. The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Supplemental Retirement Fund, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Welfare Fund and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Apprentice and Trainee Program ("Trust Funds") receive contributions from numerous employers pursuant to Collective Bargaining Agreements between the employers and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, successor of the Chicago and Northeast Illinois District Council Of Carpenters, ("Union"), and therefore, are multiemployer plans. (29 U.S.C. §1002). The Trust Funds are administered at 12 East Erie Street,

Chicago, Illinois and venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois.

- 3. The Defendant Willwork, Inc. is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce which entered into a collective bargaining agreement that required Defendant Willwork, Inc. to pay fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds.
- 4. Pursuant to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreements, the Defendant Willwork, Inc. is required to make contributions to the Trust Funds for each hour worked by its carpenter employees at the rate and in the manner specified in the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Trust Agreements. In addition, the Defendant Willwork, Inc. is required to make contributions to the Trust Funds measured by the hours worked by subcontractors that are not signatory to a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Union.
- 5. The Defendant Willwork, Inc. must submit monthly reports listing the hours worked by its carpenter employees and to make concurrent payment of contributions to the Trust Funds based upon the hours worked by its carpenter employees.
- 6. Willwork, Inc. breached the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by failing to submit \$29,471.88 in contributions owed to the Trust Funds.
- 7. Delinquent employers are required to pay, in addition to the amounts determined to be due, liquidated damages, interest, reasonable attorney fees, court costs, audit fees and other reasonable costs incurred in the collection process.
  - 8. Plaintiffs have complied with all conditions precedent in bringing this suit.
- 9. Plaintiffs have been required to employ the undersigned attorneys to collect the monies that may be found to be due and owing from Defendant.
- 10. Defendant is obligated to pay the attorney fees and court costs incurred by the Plaintiffs pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D).
- 11. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(B), the Plaintiffs are entitled to interest on any monies that may be found to be due and owing from the Defendant.

- 12. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(C), Plaintiffs are entitled to an amount equal to the greater of:
  - a) double interest on the unpaid contributions; or
  - b) interest plus liquidated damages provided for under the Trust Agreements not in excess of 20% of amount that is due.
- 13. Pursuant to the Trust Agreements, Plaintiffs are entitled to liquidated damages at the rate of 1.5% compounded monthly.

## WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:

- A. That the Defendant Willwork, Inc. be required to pay \$29,471.88 in contributions owed to the Trust Funds.
- B. That Defendant Willwork, Inc. be ordered to pay the attorney and auditor fees and costs incurred by the Plaintiffs.
- C. That Defendant Willwork, Inc. be ordered to pay liquidated damages and interest.
- D. That Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as by the Court may be deemed just and equitable all at the Defendant's cost.

By: /s/TRAVIS J. KETTERMAN

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